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Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Brian K. Adams a/k/a "BK," 24, Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 10 years in prison for distributing heroin. Adams pleaded guilty to this charge on October 27, 2009.

Judge Crabb stated that Adams deserved a lengthy prison sentence because he distributed approximately one kilogram of heroin over the course of two years and he did so despite the fact that his own childhood was marred by his mother's drug use.

Adams is the first of nine defendants to be sentenced in federal court after a series of arrests in August. The remaining defendants - Walter Green, Chavis Webster, Corey Webster, Mike Adams, Cherish Jones, Derek Farmer, Eric Dixon, and Yarnell Fuller - are scheduled to be sentenced this week and in early 2010.

The charges against Adams were the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, the Madison Police Department, the Middleton Police Department, the Sun Prairie Police Department, the McFarland Police Department, the DeForest Police Department, and the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jeff Anderson and Paul Connell.